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PASS SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FOR DILLON RIPLEY, HEW FOR
SURGEON GENERAL

YOU MIGHT WISH, PRIVATELY, TO TELL DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER THAT
I MET THIS AFTERNOON WITH PRIME MINISTER GANDHI AND SPENT THE
BETTER PART OF HALF AN HOUR DISCUSSING THE RECENT CHARGES IN THE
PRESS AND PARLIAMENT THAT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION WAS IN
THE PAY OF THE PENTAGON. I EXPLAINED THAT THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH OSTENSIBLE ATTACKS ON
US WERE IN FACT ATTACKS ON HER. (A MATTER WHICH I AM NOT SURE
THE GOVERNMENT HERE AS YET QUITE UNDERSTANDS.) WE WERE NOT THE
LEAST TROUBLED SAVE FOR ONE MATTER. WE FEARED THAT THIS TURMOIL
COULD LEAD TO THE EXPULSION OF THE AMERICAN AND OTHER DOCTORS
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WORKING ON SMALLPOX ERADICATION IN BIHAR AND UTTAR PRADESH. I

WAS FULLY ARMED WITH CHARTS, TABLES, AND PICTURES PROVIDED ME BY
DOCTOR FOEGE. I SAID THAT WE NEEDED A VICTORY FOR THE WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND FOR MANKIND ALSO. NOTHING WOULD BE MORE
DRAMATIC THAN THE FINAL ELIMINATION OF THIS GREAT SORROW. I SAID
THAT BY DECEMBER IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ALL BUT OVER. IF THEY WANTED
TO THROW THE AMERICANS OUT THEN, THIS WAS FINE BY US. BUT TO
HOLD ON AND LET THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION DO THIS ONE MAG-
NIFICENT THING. THE PRIME MINISTER ASSURED ME SHE SHARED THIS
VIEW, AND THAT NOTHING WOULD INTEREFERE WITH THE WHO WORK.
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